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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 1732

Application No.: 10/627,916

Examiner: A. ORTIZ

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For: MANUFACTURING DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD FOR  
SYNTHETIC RESIN HOLLOW MOLDED BODY

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement mailed November 16, 2005,  
Applicants provisionally elect Species (A) the device wherein one assembly member is  
rotated such that at least two members face one another. Applicants submit that claims 1, 2  
and 4-11 read on elected Species (A) and claims 1 and 4-11 are generic to all Species. This  
election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related  
that a thorough search for the subject matter of the elected species would encompass a search  
for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the  
search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See  
MPEP §803 in which is stated that "If the search and examination of an entire application can  
be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it  
includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." (Emphasis added). It is respectfully

submitted that this policy should apply in the present application to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11 can be examined without undue burden on the Examiner. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Election of Species Requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,



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